(d) Prices of these bulk drugs considered in fixation/reyisiprL of prices of. formulat ions are based on actual purchase or notified or DGHS import price depending on availability situation on case to case basis. Since the number of packs of these formulations is large the time and labour involved in collecting and compiling the desired information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

BICP stury on the prices of drugs and formulations

1303. SHRI CHA T, RAN AN MISHRA : SHRl N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices (BICP) to undertake a study for the downward revision o[f] prices of the bulk drugs and their formulations ; and

(b) if so, the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Delayed projects of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

1304, SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the projects under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers which were taken up during 1993-95 and 1994-95 but considerably delayed and their cost has also escalated ;

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects, State-wise and project-wise, when the Finance Empowered Committee accorded approval

(c) whether it is also a fact that no. time limit had been fixed in this regard ; and

(d) if so, w-hat are the reasons, therefor, alongwith the action taken against the persons held responsible in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reaction of states on molasses contro order

1305. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received Statewise reaction on the re scinding of Molasses Control Order of June, 1993 ;

(b) whether Government have permitt ed State Governments to promulgate their own policies on movement of molasses; and

(c) whether Government will consider standardization of Molasses price in sugarcane growing States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The various issues arising out of decontrol of molasses and alcohol were raised in a Conference of Excise Ministers of the States and Union Territories on 4-11-1993. The Conference set up a Group of State Excise Ministers under the Chairmanship of Karnataka Chief Minister *to* look into the matter and suggest measures to harmonise the rules and procedures in the States to bring them in tune with the decontrol of molasses and alchol.

MRTPC report on loopholes in present drag policy

1306. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Wiil the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Monopolies and Restristive Trade Practices Commission has pointed out inadequacies and loopholes in th_e present durg policy by which many pharmaceutical companies are cheating unaware and desperate patients ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this re-